

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1153

By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to commend Rabbi Peter R. Light on his tenure as Rabbi at Beth Sholom Synagogue in Memphis and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those dynamic religious leaders in our state who have made outstanding positive contributions to the lives of the members of their respective communities of faith and to the greater community as well; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding leader is Rabbi Peter R. Light, of Beth Sholom Synagogue in Memphis, Tennessee, who will be giving up his post after fifteen years of exemplary service not only to the synagogue, but to the Memphis - Shelby County community; and

WHEREAS, Peter Light was born in Chicago, Illinois, and grew up in Los Angeles, California; he attended California State University, Northridge, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Television and Film; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Light traveled to Israel to study in Jerusalem at Midreshet Yerushalayim before attending Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminaries in Los Angeles, where he received a Bachelor of Literature in Jewish Studies, in Jerusalem, and in New York; and

WHEREAS, while studying in New York, Rabbi Light served as the Assistant to the Director of Public Events at the Jewish Theological Seminary; once a month, he served as Rabbi of the Fitzgerald Hebrew Congregation in Fitzgerald, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation, Rabbi Light served as the Assistant Rabbi at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, he is a widely respected lecturer on the topic of Jews and the media; and



WHEREAS, since coming to Memphis in 1989, Rabbi Light has involved himself in both the Jewish community and the community of greater Memphis; a graduate of the 1993 Class of Leadership Memphis, he has served on the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association and has been honored for his work with the Memphis Furniture Bank; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Light has been recognized for his contributions on behalf of many causes, and in 1994 he was honored by the National Jewish Council for Learning and Leadership as one of the fifteen most promising young Rabbis in America; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Light is also devoted to his family, always endeavoring to remain true to family values of the highest order; he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Janet, and his children, Eliana and Nathan; and

WHEREAS, as Rabbi Light leaves his position at Beth Sholom Synagogue, we wish to take this occasion to specially honor and recognize him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Rabbi Peter R. Light for his exemplary service to the members of Beth Sholom Synagogue and to the greater Memphis community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer Rabbi Light our thanks for his many contributions throughout his career and our best wishes for every success and satisfaction in all his future endeavors and much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.